A.—The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Chief Minister) —

With the enactment by the Indian Parliament of the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act, the general direction and policy in regard to foodgrains has been assumed by the Central Government who have made it clear that in the present context of scarcity and rising prices, control over essential foodgrains has necessarily to continue. This and controls over cloth, Iron and Steel, etc., being All-India questions, no independent action by this State in isolation from the rest of the country is possible.

Expenditure on Grow More Food Scheme and the yield.

Q.—254. Sri D. M. SIDDIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

The amount that has been spent during this year on Grow More Food Scheme and the quantity of the yield ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

The figures for 1951-52 are to be compiled after the detailed statements are received.

Tailoring in Middle and High Schools.

Q.—271. Sri S. RANGARAMIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) in how many Middle Schools instructions in tailoring are introduced (please give the names of the schools) ;

(*b*) whether there are any demands for the introduction of tailoring classes in other Middle Schools and High Schools ; if so, the action taken by them to meet such demands ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) 1 Government Kannada Boys' Middle School, Visveswarapuram, Bangalore.

2 Urdu Boys' Middle School, Infantry Lines, Bangalore.

3 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Hoskote.

4 Urdu Boys' Middle School, Tumkur.

5 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Madhugiri.

6 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Srirangapatna.

7 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Nagamangala.

8 Urdu Boys' Middle School, Chitaldrug.

9 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Chikballapur.

10 Urdu Boys' Middle School, Mandi Mohalla, Mysore.

11 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Vijayapura, Devanahalli Taluk.

12 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Ramanagaram.

(*b*) No.

Primary and Middle Schools and low percentage of literacy in Mysore District.

Q.—272. Sri S. RANGARAMIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Primary Schools and Middle Schools in existence in the Mysore District ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the percentage of literacy in Mysore District is very low compared to other districts in the State ;

(*c*) the steps they have taken to increase literacy in the District ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) 1 Primary Schools ... 1,270

2 (*a*) New Type Middle Schools. 45 } 144

(*b*) Middle Schools 99 }

(*b*) Yes, in rural areas.

(*c*) New Primary Schools are being opened in the District every year. The Mysore State Adult Education Council is also conducting literacy classes in